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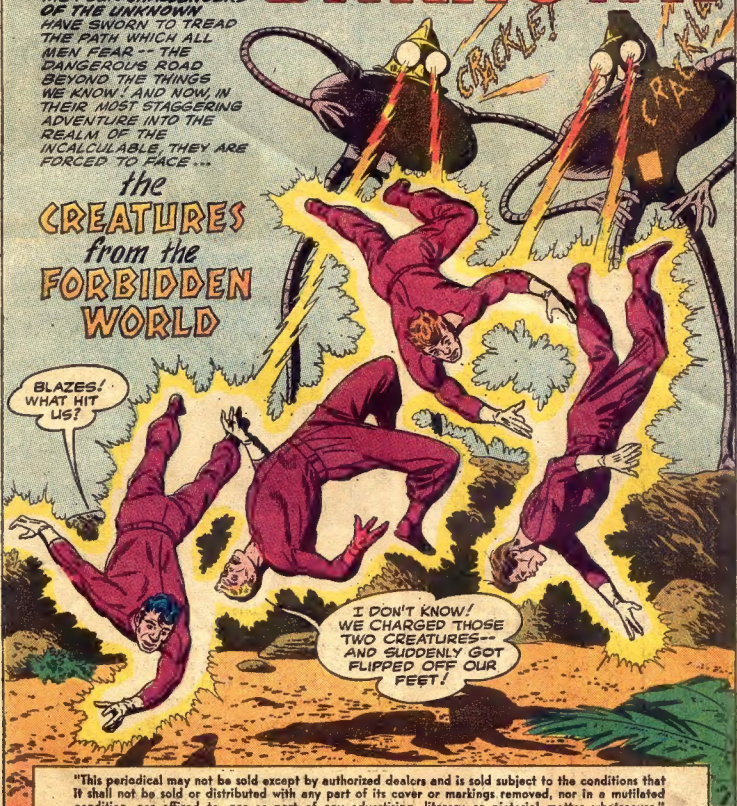
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Chapter 1

CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN

CATAPULTED INTO WORLD FAME BY DEEDS OF INDESCRIBABLE DARING, THE FOUR CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN HAVE SWORN TO TREAD THE PATH WHICH ALL MEN FEAR -- THE DANGEROUS ROAD BEYOND THE THINGS WE KNOW! AND NOW, IN THEIR MOST STAGGERING ADVENTURE INTO THE REALM OF THE INCALCULABLE, THEY ARE FORCED TO FACE...

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ON A HILLY ISLAND, ONE OF MANY WHICH DOT THE BLUE-GREEN REACHES OF THE CARIBBEAN, AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARTY EXAMINES SOME RUINS...

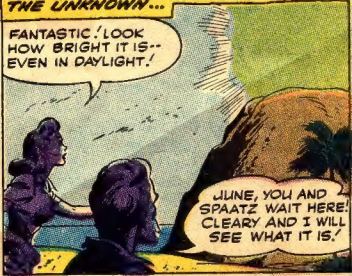
HELLO! THIS OLD SPEAR SUGGESTS AN ANCIENT BRONZE-AGE SITE...

PROF. MARKSON! OVER THERE! LOOK!



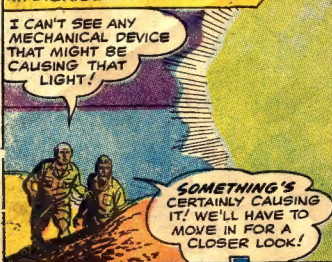
IN THE PARTY, STARING INCREDULOUSLY AT A STRANGE, GREEN LIGHT EMANATING FROM A HILLTOP, IS JUNE ROBBINS--HONORARY MEMBER OF THE CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN...

FANTASTIC! LOOK HOW BRIGHT IT IS-- EVEN IN DAYLIGHT!



CAUTIOUSLY, WITH MOUNTING APPREHENSION, THE TWO SCIENTISTS APPROACH THE MYSTERIOUS GREEN GLOW...

I CAN'T SEE ANY MECHANICAL DEVICE THAT MIGHT BE CAUSING THAT LIGHT!



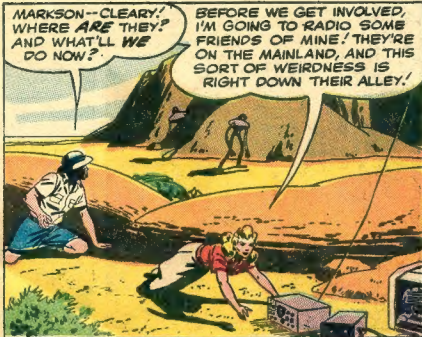
SOMETHING'S CERTAINLY CAUSING IT! WE'LL HAVE TO MOVE IN FOR A CLOSER LOOK!

GOOD GRIEF! MARKSON AND CLEARY JUST SEEMED TO HAVE VANISHED WITHIN THE GLOW!

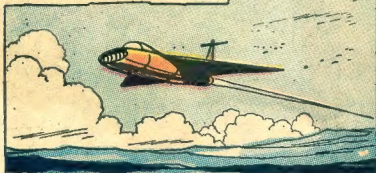


THEN, FROM THE BRILLIANT GREEN GLARE EMERGE TWO UNEARTHLY CREATURES!

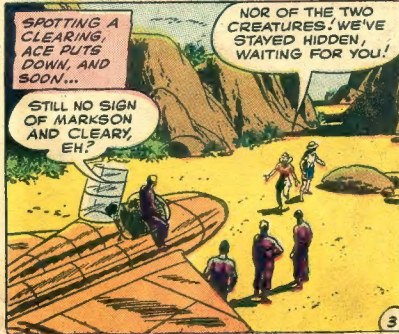


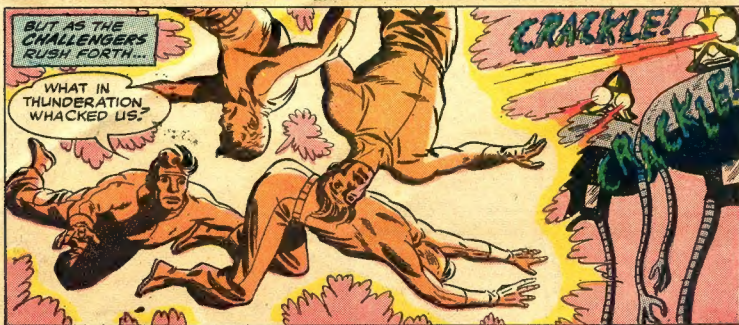


THUS, WITHIN THE HOUR, A SLEEK JET THUNDERS ACROSS THE CARIBBEAN, CARRYING FOUR MEN...

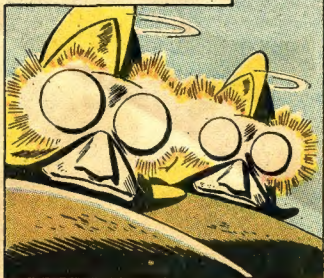


...YES, FOUR MEN WHO LIVE ON BORROWED TIME! ACE MORGAN, CRACK JET PILOT; RED RYAN, DAREDEVIL ACROBAT; PROF HALEY, WORLD-FAMED DEEP SEA EXPERT, AND ROCKY DAVIS, ALL-TIME CHAMP WRESTLER! THESE ARE THE CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN!



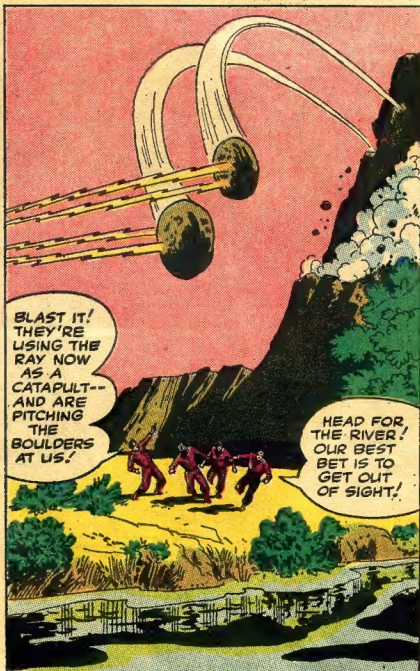


SENSING THE CHALLENGERS' PURSUIT, THE STRANGE CREATURES TURN, AND THE LENSES THEY WEAR LIGHT UP LIKE GLOWING, MOLTEN METAL...



...AND GREAT BOULDERS ON A NEARBY HILLSIDE ARE TORN LOOSE, AND DRAWN OUTWARD...

THEY'RE SENDING OUT SOME SORT OF RAY-- AND PULLING THE ROCKS FROM THE HILL!

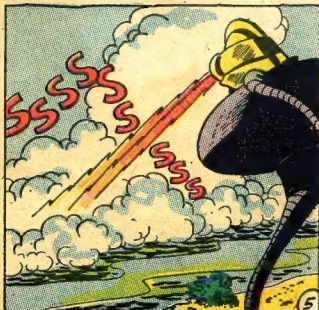


BLAST IT! THEY'RE USING THE RAY NOW AS A CATAPULT-- AND ARE PITCHING THE BOULDERS AT US!

HEAD FOR THE RIVER! OUR BEST BET IS TO GET OUT OF SIGHT!



BUT AS THE FAMED ADVENTURERS VANISH BENEATH THE SURFACE...



AS THE WATERS HISS AND BOIL, THE CHALLENGERS
SCRAMBLE UP THE FAR BANK...

WOW! THAT WAS ALMOST LIKE BEING IN A POT OF BOILING WATER!

WE'D BE
FOOLS TO TRY A
STAND AGAINST
THEIR POWERS!
RUN FOR COVER!

THEY'VE GOT
OUR NUMBER,
AND THEY KNOW
IT! HOW DO
YOU EXPLAIN
THEM, PROF.?

I CAN'T! ALL WE KNOW IS THAT MARKSON AND CLEARY WALKED INTO THE LIGHT-- AND VANISHED... AND THESE TWO BACK-BREAKERS CAME OUT!

THEY'RE
TURNING
AWAY!

LOOK! THEY'RE HEADING
TOWARD THE OLD
HYDROELECTRIC
PLANT!

WE'LL FOLLOW THEM--
FROM HIDING SPOTS! IT'S
GETTING NEAR SUNDOWN
NOW-- AND WE MIGHT BE
ABLE TO MOVE AGAINST
THEM IN THE DARK!

ACE! MAYBE
THOSE OLD
BUILDINGS
HAVE
AROLISED
THEIR
CHRIOSITY!

AND THAT
GIVES ME
AN IDEA!



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WE'RE GOING TO SPLIT UP AND HAVE A SHOWDOWN! PROF AND ROCKY CAN SCALE THE HILL TO THE TOP OF THE OLD SLUICE...

I READ YOU, PAL! WE'LL GRAB A LOG AND DO SOME TOBOGGANIN'-- WHILE YOU AND RED HIT THE CHARACTERS FROM BELOW!

IN THE LENGTHENING SHADOWS OF APPROACHING DUSK, PROF AND ROCKY MAKE THEIR WAY UP THE HILL, WHERE...

ALL SET, PROF! WE'RE READY FOR THE BIG SLIDE!

CHECKEROO! I'LL SIGNAL ACE AND RED!

HANG ON, CHUM-- HERE WE GO!

IF THIS GIMMICK WORKS, I'M PERSONALLY GOING TO PAY THOSE TWO WEIRDIES BACK-- IN SPADES! JUST WAIT'LL I GET MY MITTS ON 'EM!



HEARING THE SKIDDING LOG, THE CREATURES TURN...

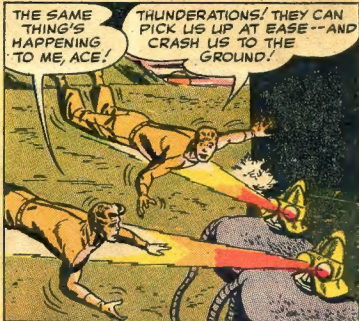


THEN A THUNDEROUS REPORT SHATTERS THE STILLNESS, AND...

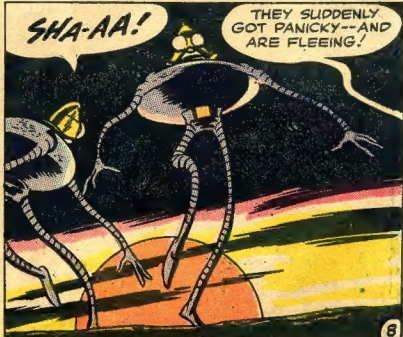
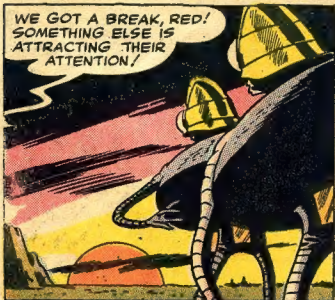
WOW! THOSE RAYS ARE LIKE HEAVY ARTILLERY!

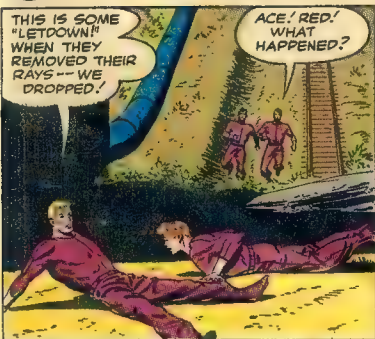
YOU'RE TELLING ME!





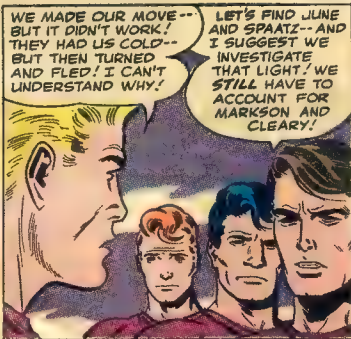
BUT, SUDDENLY, THE CREATURES TURN AND STARE AT THE SETTING SUN...





THIS IS SOME "LETDOWN!" WHEN THEY REMOVED THEIR RAYS-- WE DROPPED!

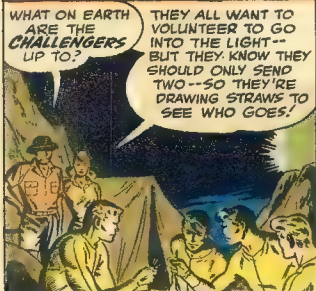
ACE! RED! WHAT HAPPENED?



WE MADE OUR MOVE-- BUT IT DIDN'T WORK! THEY HAD US COLD-- BUT THEN TURNED AND FLED! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY!

LET'S FIND JUNE AND SPAATZ-- AND I SUGGEST WE INVESTIGATE THAT LIGHT! WE STILL HAVE TO ACCOUNT FOR MARKSON AND CLEARY!

LATER ON, AS DARKNESS CLOSES IN...



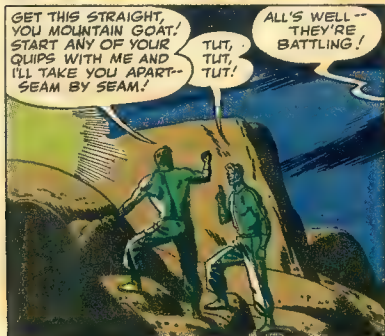
WHAT ON EARTH ARE THE CHALLENGERS UP TO?

THEY ALL WANT TO VOLUNTEER TO GO INTO THE LIGHT-- BUT THEY KNOW THEY SHOULD ONLY SEND TWO--SO THEY'RE DRAWING STRAWS TO SEE WHO GOES!



LOOKS LIKE WE WIN THE DEAL, CARROT TOP!

I'D SAY IT'S A GOOD DEAL! AFTER ALL, BRAINS AND BRAWN-- **MOSTLY BRAINS!**



GET THIS STRAIGHT, YOU MOUNTAIN GOAT! START ANY OF YOUR QUIPS WITH ME AND I'LL TAKE YOU APART-- SEAM BY SEAM!

ALL'S WELL-- THEY'RE BATTLING!

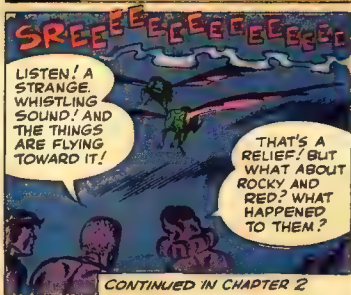
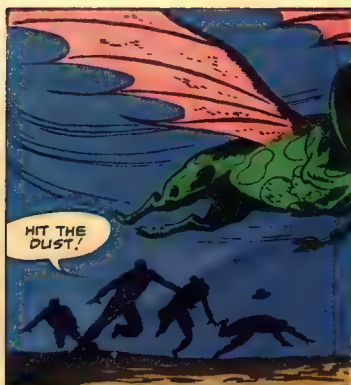
TUT, TUT, TUT!



AND AS ROCKY AND RED ENTER THE SHOWER OF LIGHT, THE OTHERS STARE INCREDULOUSLY...

ACE! LOOK!

GOOD HEAVENS! ROCKY AND RED VANISHED! AND LOOK WHAT'S COMING OUT OF THE LIGHT!



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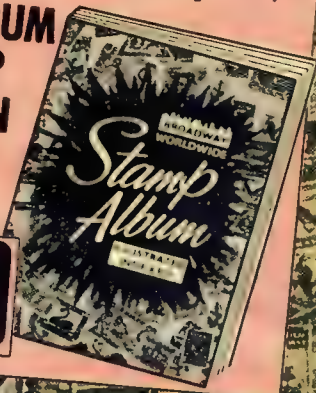
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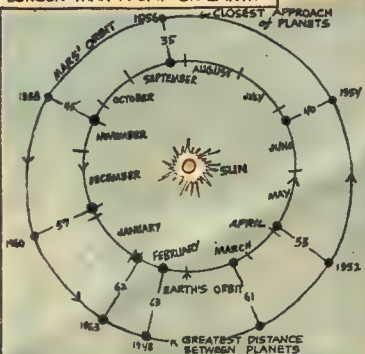
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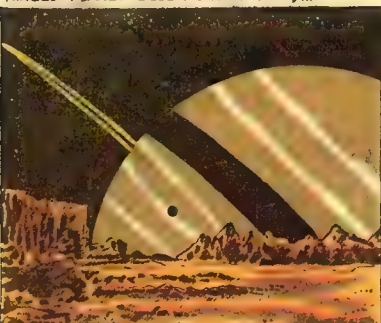
PLANETS of WONDER!

ALTHOUGH A YEAR ON **MARS** IS EQUAL TO 687 EARTH-DAYS (A 30-YEAR OLD EARTHPERMAN WOULD BE ONLY 16 ACCORDING TO THE MARTIAN CALENDAR), THE "DAY" ON **MARS** IS ONLY 40 MINUTES LONGER THAN A DAY ON EARTH...



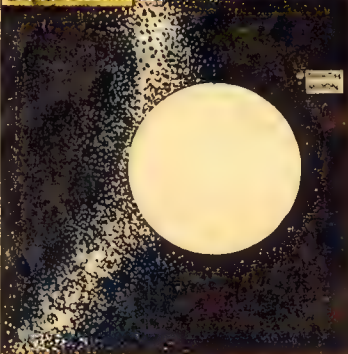
THE DISTANCES (IN MILLIONS OF MILES) BETWEEN EARTH AND MARS AT VARIOUS POINTS IN THEIR ORBITS.

BECAUSE OF THE MANY MOONS REVOLVING AROUND **SATURN** (9 ARE DEFINITELY KNOWN, AND A 10TH IS SUSPECTED TO BE PRESENT), ECLIPSES OF THE SUN AS SEEN FROM THE RINGED PLANET OCCUR EVERY DAY...



A VIEW OF SATURN, FROM ONE OF ITS MOONS, MIMAS. THE SHADOW OF ANOTHER MOON CAN BE SEEN UNDER THE SHADOW OF SATURN'S RINGS.

THE PLANET **VENUS** IS SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS THE "EVENING STAR" BECAUSE IT BECOMES VISIBLE IN THE SKY SOON AFTER SUNSET, LONG BEFORE ANY OF THE STARS CAN BE SEEN...



THE PLANET **VENUS** AS IT WOULD BE SEEN FROM A SPACE-SHIP APPROACHING IT FROM THE SUN. THE CONCENTRATION OF STARS IS THE 'MILKY WAY'.

CENTRIFUGAL FORCE IS SO STRONG IN THE EQUATORIAL ZONE OF **JUPITER** THAT IT CAUSES TO WHOLE ZONE TO BULGE OUT, FORCING THE PLANET INTO THE SHAPE OF A SOMEWHAT SQUASHED ORANGE...



JUPITER COMPARED TO EARTH	
DIAMETER-85,700 MILES	7,920 MILES
DISTANCE FROM SUN-483 MILLION MILES	93 MILLION MILES
ROTATION PERIOD-9.9 HRS.	24 HRS.

THE EARTH IS SIMILARLY EFFECTED, BUT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE EQUATORIAL AND POLAR DIAMETERS IS LESS THAN 30 MILES, WHEREAS IT AMOUNTS TO 5000 MILES ON JUPITER.



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INTO THE EBBING LIGHT
GO ROCKY AND RED--
TO VANISH, WHILE OUT
COME TWO WINGED
BEASTS! AND NOW THE
CURTAIN OF MYSTERY
PARTS, TO REVEAL ...

the LAND
BEYOND
the LIGHT

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WE'VE PASSED
THROUGH SOME
SORT OF **BARRIER**,
RED-- AND LOOK
WHERE WE
ARE!

YEAH--AND
ALREADY
WE'RE IN
TROUBLE!

WE'RE STOPPED--
LIKE STATUES!
THAT BLASTED
RAY IS HOLDING
US MOTIONLESS!

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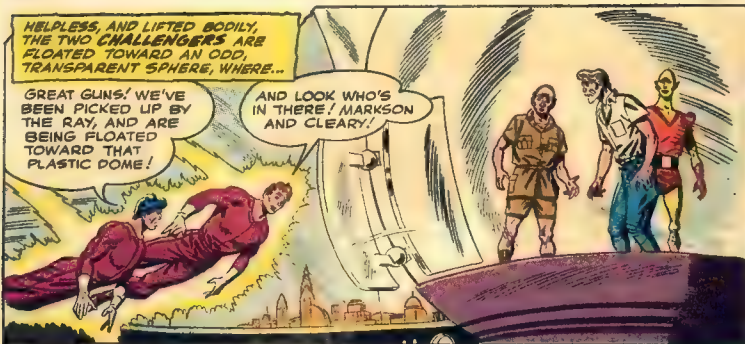
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HELPLESS, AND LIFTED BODILY,
THE TWO CHALLENGERS ARE
FLOATED TOWARD AN ODD,
TRANSPARENT SPHERE, WHERE...

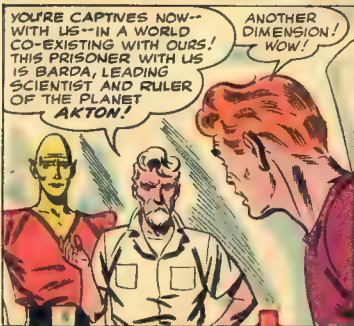
GREAT GUNS! WE'VE
BEEN PICKED UP BY
THE RAY, AND ARE
BEING FLOATED
TOWARD THAT
PLASTIC DOME!

AND LOOK WHO'S
IN THERE! MARKSON
AND CLEARY!



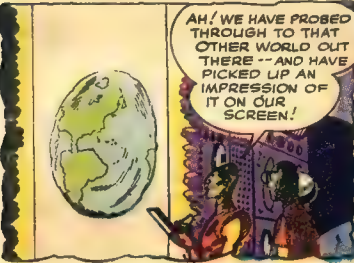
YOU'RE CAPTIVES NOW--
WITH US--IN A WORLD
CO-EXISTING WITH OURS!
THIS PRISONER WITH US
IS BARDA, LEADING
SCIENTIST AND RULER
OF THE PLANET
AKTON!

ANOTHER
DIMENSION!
WOW!



"AKTON'S SCIENTISTS LONG FELT THAT
ANOTHER DIMENSION--OURS--EXISTED
AROUND THEM! THEY DEVELOPED THE
EQUIPMENT TO MAKE CONTACT,
WHICH IS THE LIGHT WE SAW..."

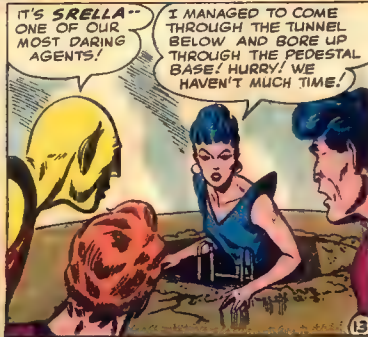
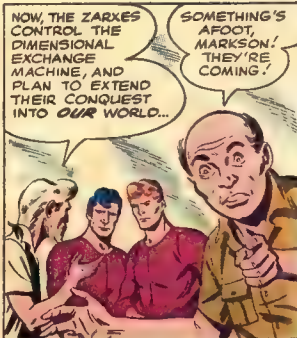
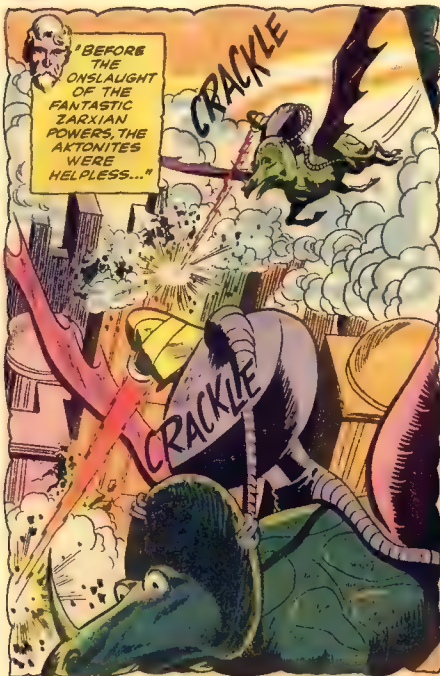
AH! WE HAVE PROBED
THROUGH TO THAT
OTHER WORLD OUT
THERE--AND HAVE
PICKED UP AN
IMPRESSION OF
IT ON OUR
SCREEN!



"BUT JUST ABOUT THEN, ALONG CAME
THE ZARKES, INVADERS FROM AKTON'S
OUTER SPACE..."



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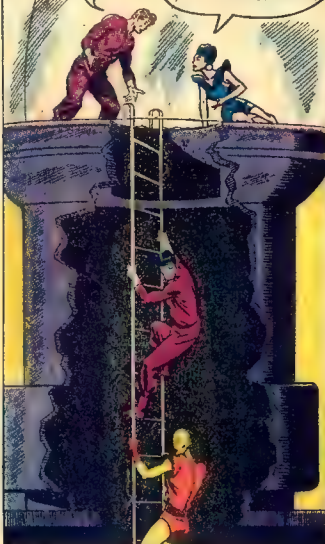


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WAIT A MINUTE! WHAT ABOUT MARKSON AND CLEARY?

WE'LL TRY TO RELEASE THEM LATER! RIGHT NOW IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! PLEASE--**HURRY!**



CAN THOSE ZARXES CONTINUE TO TRAP EARTH PEOPLE, AND SWITCH THEM IN HERE, WHILE THEY SEND THEMSELVES OUT THERE?

YES--BUT SO FAR ONLY A COUPLE OF **SCOUTS** HAVE BEEN SENT OUT TO TEST THEIR POWERS ON YOUR WORLD! BUT MORE WILL FOLLOW!



THE EXCHANGE MACHINE ONLY WORKS WHEN SOMEONE IN YOUR WORLD STEPS INTO THE LIGHT! A SIGNAL FLASHES ON THE MACHINE--AND IF SOMEONE IN OUR WORLD STANDS THERE, THE EXCHANGE IS MADE!

THIS DOOR LEADS OUT INTO THE CITY! THIS IS AS FAR AS I GO! I'M RETURNING TO THE LABORATORY--AND THE MACHINE!

WHAT ARE YOU UP TO NOW?



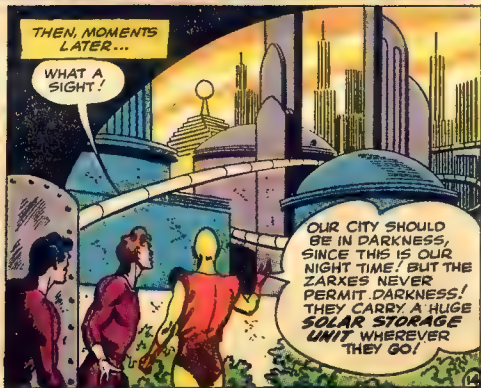
I WILL TRY TO PASS INTO YOUR WORLD TO INFORM YOUR PEOPLE OF THE DANGER THAT MENACES THEM!

GOOD! WE HAVE TWO FRIENDS BACK THERE WHO'LL BE ABLE TO HELP YOU!



THEN, MOMENTS LATER...

WHAT A SIGHT!





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WITHOUT FURTHER HESITATION, BARDA LEADS THE CHALLENGERS INTO A SMALL BUILDING, WHERE ...

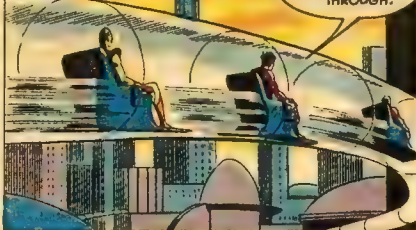
WHAT KIND OF A PLACE IS THIS?

A TRANSPORTATION STATION! WE CAN PROPEL OURSELVES THROUGH THE ENERGY TUBES TO ONE OF OUR HIDEOUTS! PLEASE SEAT YOURSELVES!



CONTROLLED ENERGY HURTLES US TO ANY DESTINATION WE CARE TO SELECT BY MEANS OF THE DIALS ON THE CHAIRS!

ZOWIE! IT WORKS SOMETHING LIKE PNEUMATIC TUBES USED IN OUR BIG CITIES TO SHOOT MAIL THROUGH!



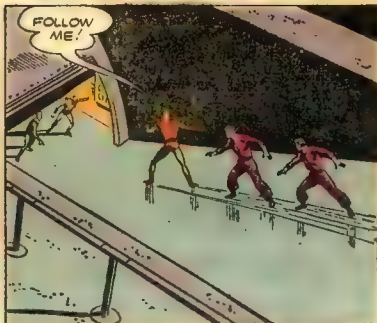
BUT JUST A FEW SECONDS LATER, AS THEY EMERGE FROM ANOTHER STATION...

HOLY MACKEREL! GET A LOAD OF THOSE BABIES!

QUICKLY! THIS WAY! THEY'VE LEARNED OF OUR ESCAPE AND HAVE SOUNDED AN ALARM!



FOLLOW ME!



WE'RE JUST IN TIME -- AND I DON'T THINK THE ZARXES SAW US COME IN HERE!



A SECRET GARAGE--WE GOT A NUMBER OF OUR VEHICLES IN HERE BEFORE THE ZARXES COULD DESTROY THEM!

BUT I'M WORRIED ABOUT THAT GIRL SRELLA! WONDER HOW *SHE'S* MAKING OUT?



AT THIS MOMENT, BACK IN THE GREAT LABORATORY...

THEY'VE FIXED THE FLOOR OF OUR CELL SO WE CAN'T ESCAPE--AND NOW THEY'RE OUT AFTER THE CHALLENGERS!

YES--BUT WITH THE ZARXES' ATTENTION DRAWN ELSEWHERE, THAT GIRL IS APPROACHING THE EXCHANGE MACHINE!

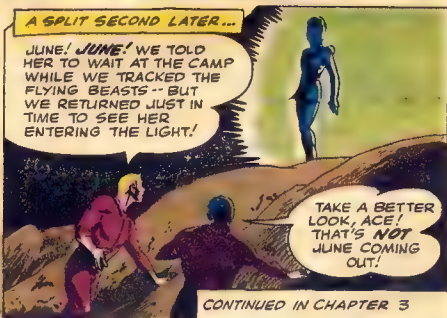


THE SIGNAL IS FLASHING! SOMEONE IN OUR WORLD HAS GONE INTO THE LIGHT--AND THE GIRL IS BEING SWITCHED TO EARTH!



A SPLIT SECOND LATER...

JUNE! JUNE! WE TOLD HER TO WAIT AT THE CAMP WHILE WE TRACKED THE FLYING BEASTS--BUT WE RETURNED JUST IN TIME TO SEE HER ENTERING THE LIGHT!



TAKE A BETTER LOOK, ACE! THAT'S *NOT* JUNE COMING OUT!

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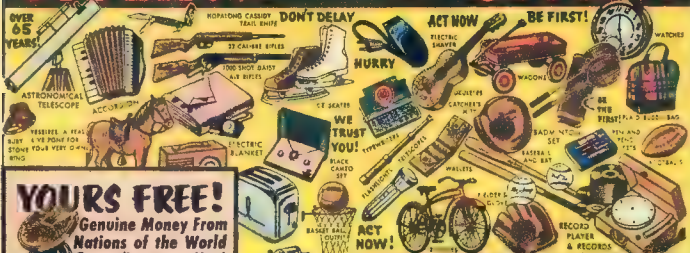
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The Robot That Rocked The World

THE fame that preceded Richard the Robot throughout Europe seemed destined to be duplicated in this country. Weeks before his arrival from Germany, newspapers were publishing reports of his fascinating act, which had been seen in every world capital. The appearance of Richard the Robot touched off a furore in this country when he refused to be interviewed by press, radio or television. A solitary typewritten statement, which was distributed, was deemed sufficient. It simply stated that Richard the Robot was not merely a mechanical contrivance but the result of 10 years' work by Prof. Hans Schloss. Richard, it insisted, was a free-thinking, free-moving, independent being. Shortly after he had been constructed, Prof. Schloss had been killed in an accidental explosion in his laboratory.

As if this derivation were not intriguing enough, Richard the Robot veiled himself in absolute secrecy. Prior to his appearance on stage, backstage lights were extinguished as he moved from his dressing room to the darkened footlights. Then, the lights flashed on, and Richard the Robot went into his act—a scene of hilarious repartee in which he was joined by a ventriloquist's dummy on his knee, whom he called Wolfgang. At the conclusion, lights again were put out, and Richard vanished to the privacy of his dressing room.

There they stayed in seclusion, Richard the Robot and his paunchy, merry-eyed dummy Wolfgang, throughout the engagement. When that was concluded, they moved on to the next city, again cloaked in utmost secrecy. The television and motion picture appearances that Richard refused only tended to heighten the mystery and increase attendances wherever he played.

Only once did a magazine photographer attempt a candid photo of him. After that experience was printed, no one dared attempt to repeat it. Waiting in the stage wings as Richard the Robot came off, carrying his dummy, the photographer aimed his camera and flash-gun, but that was as far as he went. He suddenly found a metal hand extend and grasp

his camera. One squeeze of the mighty fist was enough to send its shattered pieces clattering to the floor.

Needless to say, Richard the Robot was a stunning success as he appeared across the country. What he did with the enormous sums of money he earned was a matter of conjecture because a robot, everyone knew, had little need for luxury. But that, too, heightened the mystery.

The farewell appearance of Richard in New York, prior to his return to Germany, was an immediate sellout. In the audience were top government officials, who had flown up from Washington, and a number of curious scientists, who hoped to detect some semblance of fakery as they viewed him from their seats.

They were doomed to disappointment. Richard the Robot conducted himself with such dexterity, such mannerisms, with such humor, they felt him to be as human as they. As the curtain dropped and the lights extinguished, even they rose to cheer and applaud.

By midnight, the theater had been emptied. Only the stage doorman was present. It was arranged that at a call from Richard, he would douse the lights to allow Richard to slip off unseen with his dummy to a waiting automobile. Suddenly, the doorman heard an ear-splitting shout and the din of crashing metal from the dressing room.

He hurried to the door, hesitantly opened it, then flung it back. His eyes widened in shock. On the floor lay the fragments of Richard the Robot, its metallic debris scattered in all corners. Seated on a chair, spent with exhaustion was the dummy Wolfgang, a sledgehammer drooping in his hands. He looked up, weary-eyed at the doorman.

"You will ask me why I did this to Richard the Robot?" he said, faintly. "It is because I am Dr. Hans Schloss, who created him. He began to feel so important with all the success, he did not want to go back to Germany, but remain here in America to enjoy its wealth."



CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN

Chapter
3

AT LAST--THE FINAL
SHOWDOWN! FOUR
CHAMPIONS FROM EARTH
PITTED AGAINST
FANTASTIC POWERS
WIELDED BY ALIEN
CONQUERORS OF
ANOTHER DIMENSION!
AND THERE COULD
ONLY BE ONE HOPE...

the
**ACHILLES
HEEL**

NO TIME TO QUESTION
THIS GIRL! CLEAR
OUT OF HERE!

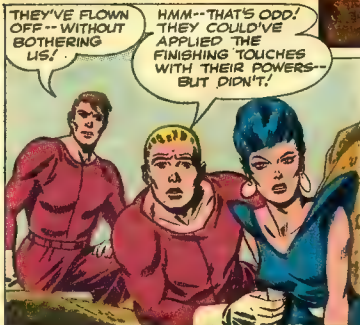
THUNDERATIONS,
ACE! LOOK
WHAT'S COMING!



THEY'RE GAINING!



WE CAN'T OUTFRIN THEM!
HIT THE DIRT!



THEY'VE FLOWN OFF--WITHOUT BOTHERING US!

HMM--THAT'S ODD!
THEY COULD'VE APPLIED THE FINISHING TOUCHES WITH THEIR POWERS-- BUT DIDN'T!

AND THEN, WITH TIME TO TALK, THE CHALLENGERS LEARN THE AMAZING STORY OF SRELLA'S WORLD...

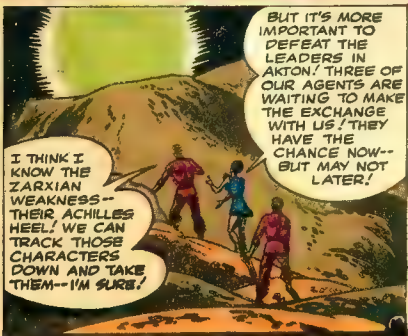


SO THEY CARRY THEIR OWN SUNLIGHT, EH? AND I RECALL THAT BACK AT THE HYDROELECTRIC PLANT THE ZARXES STARTED TO USE THEIR POWERS, BUT DIDN'T-- WHEN THEY SAW THE SUN SETTING!



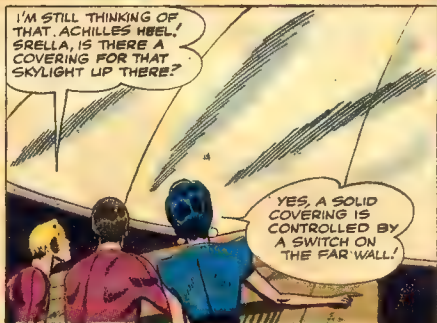
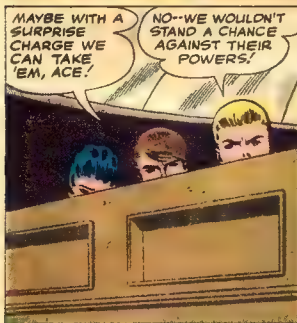
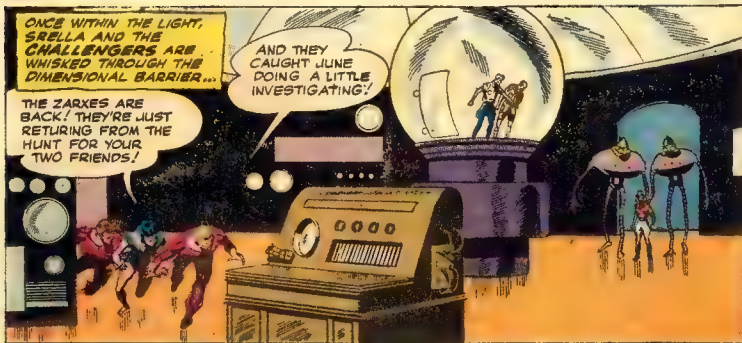
AND JUST NOW, HERE IN THE DARKNESS, THEY HAD US COLD, BUT STILL DIDN'T USE THEIR POWERS!

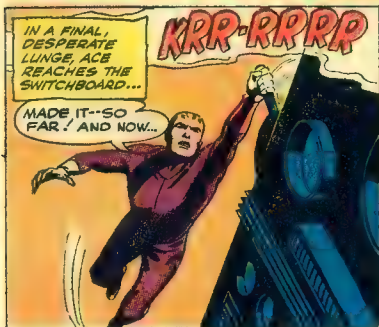
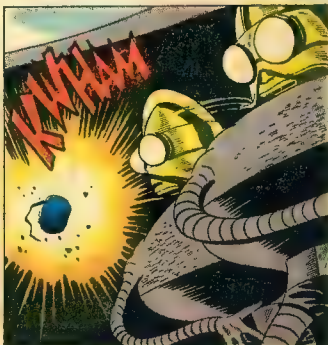
JUST WHAT ARE YOU DRIVING AT, ACE?



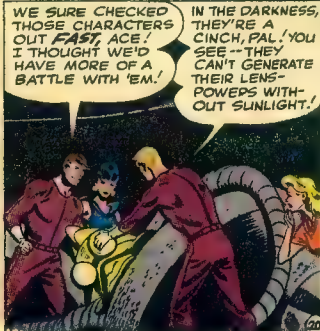
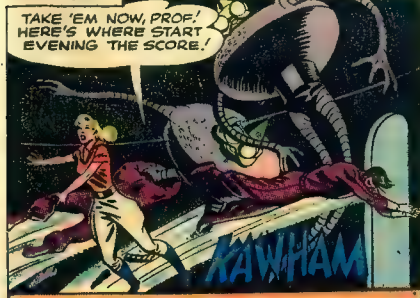
I THINK I KNOW THE ZARXIAN WEAKNESS-- THEIR ACHILLES HEEL! WE CAN TRACK THOSE CHARACTERS DOWN AND TAKE THEM-- I'M SURE!

BUT IT'S MORE IMPORTANT TO DEFEAT THE LEADERS IN AKTON! THREE OF OUR AGENTS ARE WAITING TO MAKE THE EXCHANGE WITH US! THEY HAVE THE CHANCE NOW-- BUT MAY NOT LATER!





INSTANTLY, THE GREAT LAB IS PLUNGED INTO NEAR-DARKNESS...





CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN



LOOK! THEIR NATURAL EYES ARE VERY TINY--PROBABLY DUE TO TREMENDOUS SUNLIGHT THEY RECEIVE ON THEIR OWN PLANET!

THEIR PLANET IS FLANKED BY TWO SUNS--AND THEY LIVE IN ETERNAL DAYLIGHT!

MARKSON AND CLEARY--THEY'RE STILL IMPRISONED HERE! I WAS UNABLE TO RELEASE THEM!

I'LL GET THEM OUT! I KNOW WHERE THE DOOR SWITCH IS!



SHORTLY AFTERWARDS...

WE'LL TRUSS UP THE TWO ZARXES, JUNE--AND YOU AND MARKSON AND CLEARY WAIT HERE! WE'RE GOING AFTER ROCKY AND RED...AND AN ARTIFICIAL SUN!



MOMENTS LATER, THREE FIGURES SLIP CAUTIOUSLY OUT INTO EMPTY STREETS...

IT'S CURFEW TIME FOR MY PEOPLE UNDER ZARXIAN DOMINATION! COME--THIS WAY! YOUR FRIENDS ARE AT ONE OF OUR HIDEOUTS!



FOLLOWING THE PATH TAKEN BY ROCKY AND RED, THE FUGITIVES ARE PROPELLED THROUGH THE GREAT ENERGY TUBES...

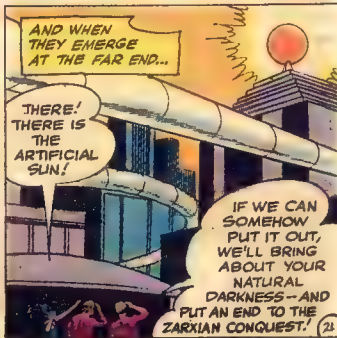


OUR LUCK WILL HOLD ONLY AS LONG AS WE'RE NOT SEEN BY THE PATROLLING ZARXES!

AND WHEN THEY EMERGE AT THE FAR END...

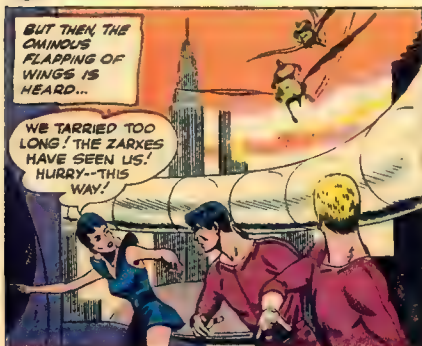
THERE! THERE IS THE ARTIFICIAL SUN!

IF WE CAN SOMEHOW PUT IT OUT, WE'LL BRING ABOUT YOUR NATURAL DARKNESS--AND PUT AN END TO THE ZARXIAN CONQUEST!





CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN



BUT THEN, THE
CHINIOUS
FLAPPING OF
WINGS IS
HEARD...

WE TARRIED TOO
LONG! THE ZARXES
HAVE SEEN US!
HURRY--THIS
WAY!



AND IN THE NEARBY HIDEOUT...
IT'S ACE AND PROF
OUT THERE WITH SRELLA!
AND THEY'RE IN
TROUBLE!

WE'VE
BEEN
ITCHIN' TO
MAKE A
MOVE--AND
THIS IS IT!



GET THAT DOOR OPENED!
WE'RE PUTTING THIS
MOTHBALL CAR FLEET
INTO ACTION!



THESE CARS WILL
ROLL BY REMOTE
CONTROL, YOU SAY--
AND THEY'LL ALSO
FLY, EH?

YES! AND HERE IS THE
EXPLOSIVE YOU ASKED
FOR! YOU CAN
TRIGGER IT TO
DETONATE AT ANY
MOMENT YOU WISH!
GOOD LUCK!



SHORTLY...

OKAY--LET 'EM ROLL!
WE'RE GOING OUT FOR
A ZARXIAN PICNIC!

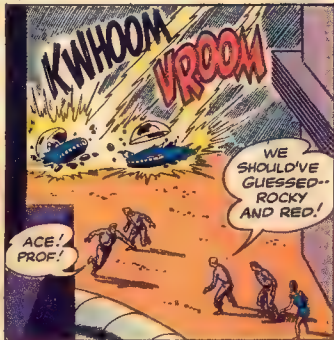
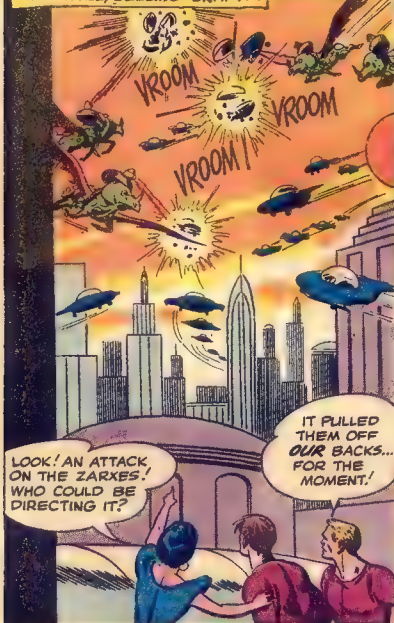
WHROOM



CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN



IN A MOMENT, THE SKIES ARE FLECKED WITH THE SMALL, BUZZING CRAFT...



AND ONCE THE FOUR FRIENDS ARE UNITED AGAIN, A HURRIED PLAN IS FORMULATED...

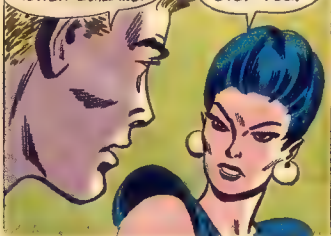
OKAY--I'VE GOT A "GRENADE" I WAS GOING TO USE AGAINST THE ZARKES--IT SHOULD BE ABLE TO KAYO THAT PHONY SUN!

YES--BUT HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET UP NEAR ENOUGH TO DO IT?

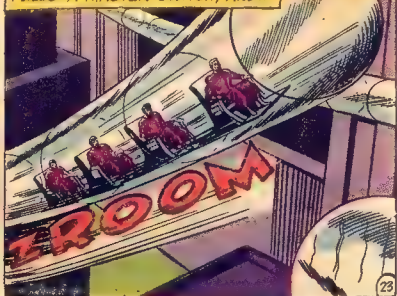


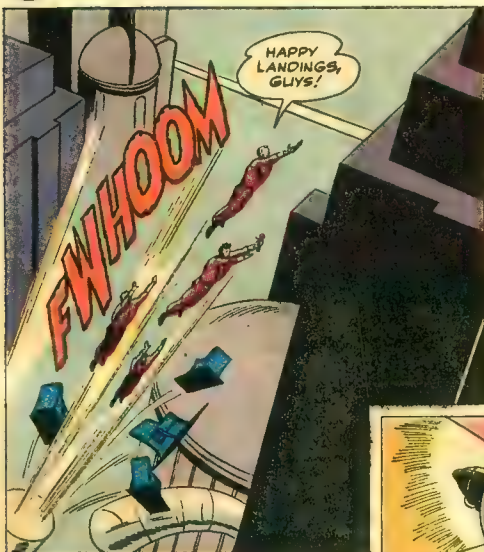
SRELLA! THE ENERGY TUBES! CAN YOU DISENGAGE THE END OF ONE, THEN SHOOT US UP NEAR THE TOWER BUILDING?

Y-YES--IT CAN BE DONE! IT'S DANGEROUS-- BUT I KNOW THAT WON'T STOP YOU!



SOON AFTERWARDS, SRELLA SETS THE DIALS, PULLS A MASTER SWITCH, AND...





HAPPY
LANDINGS,
GUYS!



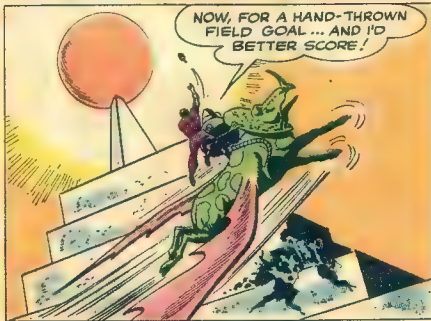
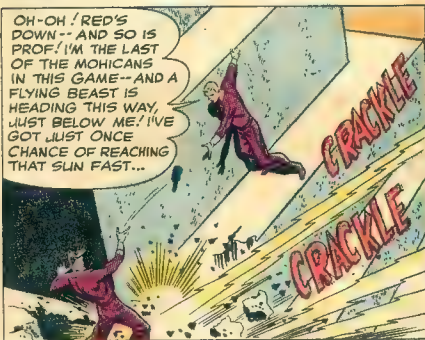
KEEP GOING,
GUYS! I'LL LEAD
'EM AWAY!
CATCH, RED!

GOT
IT!



OKAY--I'LL
BE THE NEXT
DECOY! KEEP
GOING AFTER
THAT SUN!
CATCH, PROF!

OKE!



TWIN ROARS RIP THUNDEROUSLY THROUGH THE DIMENSIONAL SKIES...



AND, IN THE NEXT INSTANT, THE AKTONITE WORLD IS PLUNGED INTO ITS NATURAL NIGHT-TIME DARKNESS...



IT IS SOMETIME LATER THAT THE CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN--THAT DERRING-DO QUARTET THAT LIVES ON BORROWED TIME--LOOK UP FROM FOUR COTS...

WHERE IN THE DEUCE ARE WE? AND WHAT HAPPENED?

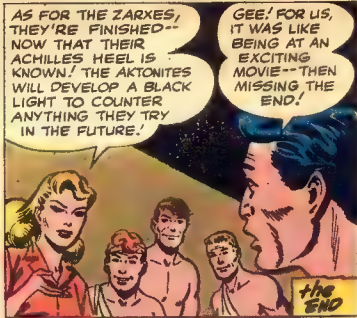
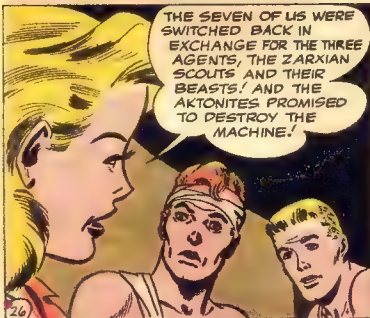
WE'RE ALL BACK HOME ON EARTH, AND THE AKTONITES HAVE THE ZARXES IN COMPLETE CONTROL--THANKS TO THE BLASTING OF THAT ARTIFICIAL SUN!



THE SEVEN OF US WERE SWITCHED BACK IN EXCHANGE FOR THE THREE AGENTS, THE ZARXIAN SCOUTS AND THEIR BEASTS! AND THE AKTONITES PROMISED TO DESTROY THE MACHINE!

AS FOR THE ZARXES, THEY'RE FINISHED--NOW THAT THEIR ACHILLES HEEL IS KNOWN! THE AKTONITES WILL DEVELOP A BLACK LIGHT TO COUNTER ANYTHING THEY TRY IN THE FUTURE!

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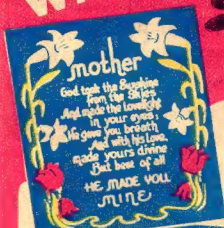
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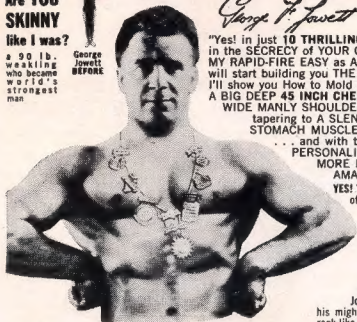
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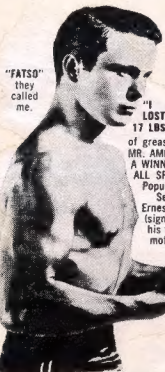
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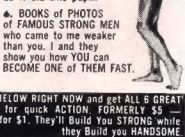
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